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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Foreign
Intelligence Board

FROM: Walter Elder
Executive Secretary, National
Foreign Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: DCI Committee Structure ☐

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1. ☐ Action Requested: That you consider the following proposal and authorize appropriate officials to implement those portions of which you approve.

2. ☐ Background: This proposal recommends the retention of the existing DCI Committees but realigns them to conform with the multi-deputy plan for the community. (See attached chart).

3. ☐ Because their membership and interests are community-wide, the committees are able to provide an integrated and objective approach to problems which are continuing in nature. This is their strength. Their weakness, in addition to an ingrained inertia, stems largely from a lack of direction. As USIB committees, they reported to an amorphous body. As DCI committees, they have had a better focus under the oversight of the D/DCI/IC. The new Executive Order, the advent of the NITC and the reorganization of the IC Staff will necessitate a change in the administration of the committees. The new multi-deputy system provides the opportunity for change and improvement.

4. ☐ will be responsible for the functions heretofore performed by the collection committees (COMIREX, SIGINT, Human Resources, CCPC). He apparently intends to retain the committees in some form to deal with certain staff actions within collection

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25X1 Management appears willing to retain the IIHC account.
COMEX and [] should be subordinated to one of the
deputies to give those committees more of a community
focus. They could go with [] as facets of
human resources intelligence, or with [] as
community services of common concern. The issue of the
Security Committee is still under consideration. No
matter what your decision; the committee is likely to
fit within one of the deputies' areas of responsibility.
The remaining production committees--JAEIC, WSSIC, STIC,
and EIC, should report to Dr. Bowie in his community role
as deputy for production.

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25X1 5. [] If the committees are dispersed in this way
for management purposes, it becomes even more important
for the chairmen to reassemble periodically for coordina-
tion and stimulation. Not only would it be desirable for
them to continue to meet on a monthly basis to report on
their activities and coordinate joint approaches to
community issues, but it would be particularly useful if
you would chair those meetings on at least a quarterly
basis. This would allow you to assert your personal
control and direction, something the committee chairmen
appeared to benefit from when you met with them in May.
(The minutes of that meeting are attached for your infor-
mation.) In addition to the committee chairmen, the
deputies responsible for their management and direction--
Bob Bowie, []--should also be
invited to the monthly meetings. In your absence, between
quarterly meetings, the chairmanship of the group could
rotate among the three deputies.

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25X1 6. [] To maintain coordination between the chair-
men and the community, we propose that the chairmen continue
to submit monthly activity reports to the NFIB Secretariat
for circulation to the committees and, in addition to the
NFIB Principals. In this way any NFIB member can offer
assistance to a chairman on a substantive item or can re-
quest discussion at an NFIB meeting of a particular subject
that he feels you should receive advice on prior to com-
mittee action being completed. Minutes of your quarterly
meetings with the chairmen and the monthly meetings chaired
by the deputies could also be circulated to NFIB Principals
for their information and to close the loop on what will
have become more of a community committee structure.

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7. (S) Recommendation: If you agree with the proposal outlined above, we recommend that you:

a. Authorize the NFIB Secretariat to set up a meeting for you with the chairmen and deputies so that you can outline the new structure for management and reporting.

b. Discuss with [redacted]
the disposition of COMEX and [redacted]

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c. Approve circulation of the monthly committee activity reports to NFIB for members' information and action, as appropriate.

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for Walter Elder

Attachments: a/s

APPROVED: _____
Chairman, NFIB

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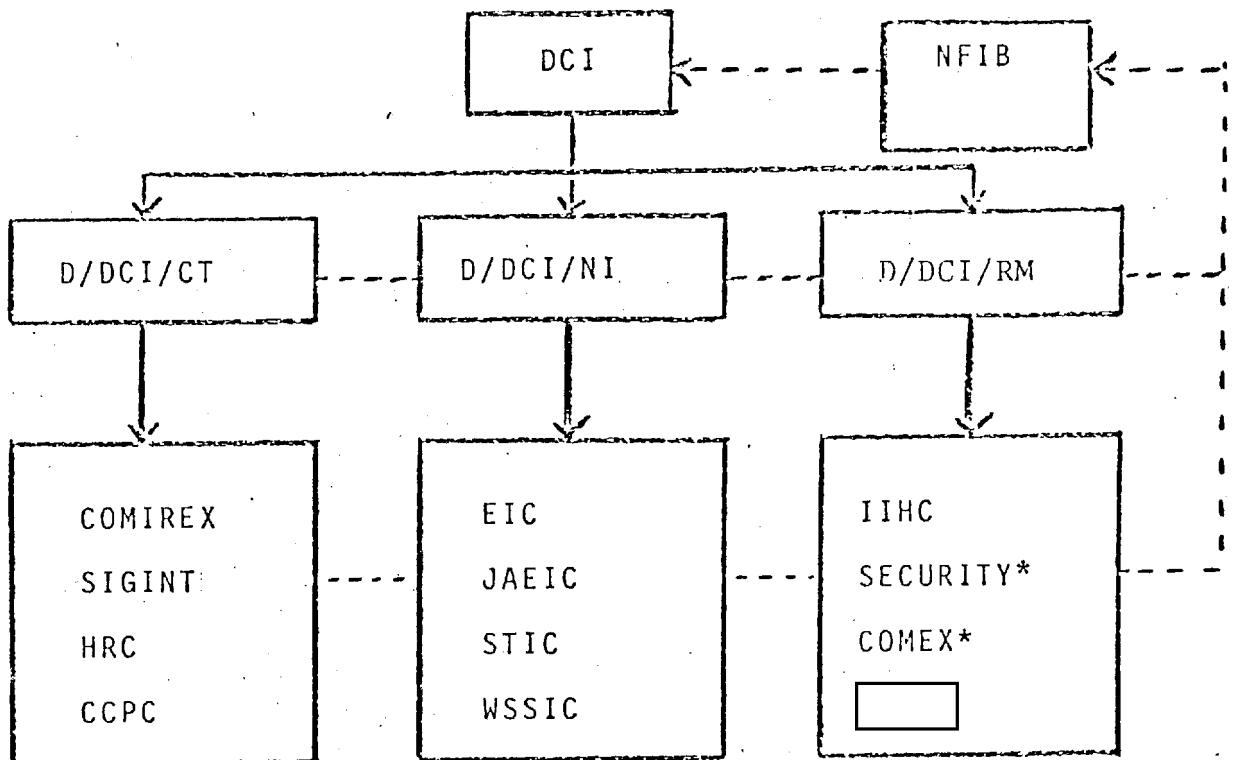
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PROPOSED DCI COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



*Pending Resolution of Management Question

DCI Committees

The Human Resources Committee (HRC) is responsible for the effective use of community resources for the collection of foreign intelligence information through human sources. Currently, the FOCUS program is the mainstay of HRC.

The Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX) develops and implements national-level guidance for overhead imagery collection and exploitation.

The Signals Intelligence Committee (SIGINT) does for SIGINT systems what COMIREX does for imagery.

The Critical Collection Problems Committee (CCPC) is a permanent study group responsive to requests submitted to it by the DCI. In the past year the CCPC has dealt with a variety of problems from Narcotics and Terrorism to indications and warning in Korea.

The Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC) is responsible for monitoring implementation of the provisions of safeguard (d) of the Limited Test Ban Treaty, following nuclear proliferation and generally recommending national collection requirements, as well as fostering interagency exchanges of information on atomic energy matters.

The Weapon and Space System Intelligence Committee (WSSIC) is responsible for coordinating requirements and production on foreign weapons and space systems throughout the community.

The Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee (STIC) is responsible for providing early warning of foreign S&T advances, whether indigenous or imported, which could affect significantly the national security or political or economic welfare of the U.S.

The Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC) develops coordinated guidance for the collection of foreign economic intelligence on behalf of a variety of consumers throughout the government.

The Intelligence Information Handling Committee (IHC) promotes the timely handling of intelligence information and the continuous improvement, integration, and effective use of information handling and telecommunications assets and resources.

The Security Committee provides recommendations regarding security policies and procedures for the protection of foreign intelligence sources and methods.

The Committee on Exchanges (COMEX) ensures coordination of Intelligence Community interests in U.S. Government official exchanges and bilateral cooperative agreements, and in commercial visits and other related activities.

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